Army, Navy and Air Force have met, besides the Joint Technical Croups and the Security Cooperation Group. A separate dialogue has also been set up between the newly-established integated Defence Staff of India and the Joint Chief of Staff of the United States.

(c) To pursue their consultations on the New Strategic Framework including Missile Defence, the two sides agreed to establish a New Strategic Framework Dialogue. The U.S. Government has in the meanwhile, continued to provide information on its development plans for missile defence on various occasions, including during the meeting of DPG.

Third Mission In New York

2700. DR. KARAN SINGH:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a Third Mission in New York; and

(b) if so, the constitution and functions thereof indicating the reasons for setting up the Third Mission?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir, However, an Indian citizen, Shri B.K. Agnihotri, residing in the United States, has been appointed as Adviser in the Embassy of India, Washington and Ambassador-at-large for Non-Resident Indians/People of Indian origin with the aim to strategically promote better coordination within the Non-Resident Indians/People of Indian origin as well as economic cooperation, investment and commerce by the Non-Resident Indians/People of Indian origin with India. His office is functioning from New York.